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Re: Philip Morris Incorporated
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Our File 582-327 CIP Germany

Dear Mr. Soloway:

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In reply to your letter of November 23, 1970, relating to the above-identified patent application, we agree with the suggestion in Paragraph 4 of your letter in which you indicated the necessity for combining "the subject matter of claims 1 and 3". However, we would like to make two observations in connection with this suggestion.

First, we cannot find any basis for the insertion of the range of 12-20% which you have suggested. We find nothing in the English version of this application which would indicate that such a range has been disclosed. However, if you feel that such an amendment can be made and that it is necessary to patentably distinguish over the cited publications, then we concur with your recommendation.

Second, we note that present claim 3 calls for drying to a moisture content below 35%. In view of the fact that the rewetting step, as now suggested, would only result in a moisture content of 12-20%, we believe that in combining claims 1 and 3, the drying step need only be recited as such without specifying the moisture content.

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We trust that the information provided in this letter will enable you to bring the prosecution of this application to a successful conclusion. However, if you require additional information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

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